



## Kelly Colin Gainor

September 25, 1943 - August 10, 2024

Kelly Colin Gainor, age 80 of Harbor Beach, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024 peacefully at Lakeview Extended Care of Harbor Beach, after a short battle with cancer. Kelly was the first born to Annabel and Colin Gainor, while his father was with the US Army during, World War II.

Kelly was a 1962 graduate of Harbor Beach Community Schools. After Graduation, he attended barber school in Detroit. He worked for many summers at the Guard House at the Harbor Beach Resort Association. He also was a transporter for Department of Human Services, providing transportation for those in need of medical appointments, errands, etc. Kelly's "Gift of Gab" made their journey enjoyable.

Kelly was a self taught, by ear, accordion player, which he played upside down. He was one of the original "Cattail Bay Muskrats" along with his father Colin (tenor banjo), Dr. Stewart Young, Warren Ramsey, Dr. Earnshaw (Doc), Dr. Manual Teves, his wife Pat, James Hunter, and Dick Roberts.

Kelly's love for polka music and performing continued and he enjoyed playing at the Harbor Beach Visitor Center, The Murphy Museum during the Farmer's Market, and for the residents of Lakeview Extended Care and the Kinde Polka Fest.

Kelly is survived by three siblings: Larry (Jackie), Sally McCune, and Robert. Nieces and nephews: Chad Gainor (special friend, Rebecca) Stefanie (Dan) Behnke, Mark McCune and Matthew (Shannon) McCune, Michelle (Jose) Cordova and Eric Gainor, great nieces and nephews: Elizabeth, Collin McCune, Finley and Milo McCune and Rachael and Justin Cordova, special friend: Andrea Miller and son Ron, along with several cousins.

Kelly was preceded in death by his parents Colin and Annabel Gainor.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff at Lakeview Extended Care and Heartland Hospice care for the wonderful care and comfort for Kelly and his family.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering of friends in Kelly's Honor will take place on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, from 3-8pm. Memorials may be given to the Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab, Heartland Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends

AUG 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Kelly and I went to school together. May God bless him !*

Mary Roberts Capling - October 09, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Priscilla Hudson lit a candle in memory of Kelly Colin Gainor*



Priscilla Hudson - September 04, 2024 at 05:55 PM

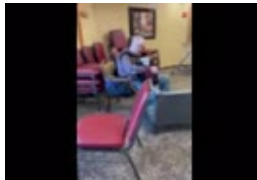


*Kelly was a fun neighbor to grow up with. I especially remember sledding down the hill in winter with him and others. Priscilla Schott Hudson*

Priscilla Hudson - September 04, 2024 at 05:59 PM

LS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lovejoy Sisters - August 15, 2024 at 08:28 PM

LS

“ Such a good guy that we are happy to have known. He spent a couple nights a week with our Uncles Hank and Vic Winkel watching Molly B. When Uncle Vic could no longer drive Kelly drove him to his Drs. appointments and it was always an adventure where they would end up eating they always could find the best Chinese place, Krzysiaks, Country View for soup and a sandwich they were even happy for McDonalds or Wendys!!!! Kelly would be invited for cake and ice cream for Uncle Vics birthday and always brought his accordion to share some music. He certainly enjoyed talking about his family tree and heritage and we are currently flying the Pomeranian flag in his memory. Our hearts go out to his family so sorry for your loss. We know that the "Beer Barrel Polka" is now being played in Heaven. Mary Jo, Lori, Geri and Patti Lovejoy



Lovejoy Sisters - August 15, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MS

“ Kelly was a gentle soul, full of music and kindness. He made the world a better place for all who were privileged to know him.

Mark Schmalz - August 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM

LF

“ Lynda Gainor Nichol and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kelly Colin Gainor.



Lynda Gainor Nichol and family - August 14, 2024 at 08:34 PM

LF

“ Lynda Gainor Nichol and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Colin Gainor.

Lynda Gainor Nichol and family - August 14, 2024 at 08:34 PM

WA

“ Sending sincerest condolences to the family.

*Kelly was a friendly neighbor, always up for a chat. He made us feel welcome in our new neighborhood and will be missed dearly!*

Wayne & Kelli Arini - August 14, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album Cattail Bay Muskrat Band (1972)



Jeanine Cupp Behrend - August 14, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JB

“ Kelly, very much, was a part of our family... I would say the Okonkowski clan. He was always saying these silly jokes to me that made me laugh. He would get that scrunched up face and snicker. Our family always wanted him to bring his accordion to all of our family events, and parties. It was a joy. We have a family reunion this Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, that he very much would have been there. I am making up a tribute of some pictures of Kelly, so that we can know he is there with us, and will be given to Andrea Miller, afterwards. You will be missed, very much.

Jeanine Cupp Behrend - August 14, 2024 at 12:12 PM

KT

“ 1 file added to the album Cattail Bay Muskrat Band (1972)



Karen Teves - August 13, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MF

“ Kelly was a sweet man with a heart of gold. Thank you to his family for allowing Heartland Hospice to love and care for him. It was an honor. We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest now in your heavenly home, Kelly 🙏💜  
Meggen Farver  
Heartland Hospice

Meggen Farver - August 13, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MH

“ Kelly was a faithful friend to Andrea Miller, son Ronald and the Okonkowski family in the Detroit Metro area. I say 'friend' but he was family. He and I share the same birthdate, September 25th. He graciously provided transportation needs to my aunt Andrea and her son for nearly every family gathering, commuting from Harbor Beach each time, for over three decades. Those trips always included his accordion! Never failing to bring much cheer into the atmosphere with his melodies. The last time I saw him was my Mom's memorial (Sylvia Degorski), October 2021, where he lovingly played his beloved accordion. May he rest in God's arms and those same arms wrap his family in love during this season of loss. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Mary Anne Haskins - August 13, 2024 at 08:43 AM

JB

Mary Anne, Your tribute said it all.

Jeanine Cupp Behrend - August 14, 2024 at 12:04 PM

K(

“ Well Kelly was good friends with my dad Johnny Kudlak. . and we became friends too. So now he's in heaven hanging out with my dad again! I will miss you Kelly. .



Kelly Veldhuis (Kudlak) - August 13, 2024 at 06:43 AM

LB

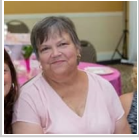
“ Kelly and I go back many years, Always good times, Some day we will all meet again.

Larry Brown - August 12, 2024 at 09:23 PM

TS

“ Teresa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kelly Colin Gainor.

Teresa S. - August 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ What a great neighbor he was! His music was greatly enjoyed by those visiting the Farmer's Market. He will be missed.  
Ed and Barb Kozlowski

Barb Kozlowski - August 12, 2024 at 04:13 PM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Kelly Colin Gainor



Mick and Marge Schott - August 12, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JS

“ Kelly called us neighbors because I always drove up Court on my way to town. Always got a wave and we'd stop a minute and chat. He was good friends with my Brother, Sandy Sloan and Bill Rands who is waiting for him to arrive. I always enjoyed his music and performances, because he played with such love and joy.

Jan Sloan - August 12, 2024 at 03:04 PM

E(

“ Kelly was a neighbor and friend



Elmer and Ruth (morley)Leese - August 12, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JB

“ In loving memory of my very good friend Kelly. You were always there for my mom, taking her to doctor appointments. I already miss you Kelly. I know you are in Heaven, sitting on a cloud and playing the accordion with your Dad and my Dad. ❤️

Jody Smith Baker - August 12, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LM

“ *Lori Murawske lit a candle in memory of Kelly Colin Gainor*



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**Lori Murawske** - August 12, 2024 at 11:23 AM

DM

“ *Deb & Dave Morley lit a candle in memory of Kelly Colin Gainor*



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**Deb & Dave Morley** - August 11, 2024 at 09:01 AM